

September 6, 2012

Mr. Chris Schoneman
Project Leader
USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge
906 W. Sinclair Road
Calipatria, CA 92233

Dear Mr. Schoneman:

The Salton Sea Authority is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge's proposed shallow water habitat at Red Hill Bay on the southern end of the Salton Sea and a proposed Solar Gradient Pond Project located near the intersection of Jade and Lindsey Road at the south end of the Salton Sea.

The Salton Sea Authority has long been a proponent of habitat creation and Salton Sea restoration. Your proposed projects are an important step in maintaining a functioning ecosystem at the Salton Sea. The projects are complimentary with longer range restoration plans at the sea and helps maintain functioning high value wildlife habitat at the Salton Sea.

The Salton Sea Authority will continue to support these and like projects at the Salton Sea as we move forward towards the implementation of a successful Salton Sea restoration program.

Sincerely,



Marion Ashley, President
Salton Sea Authority